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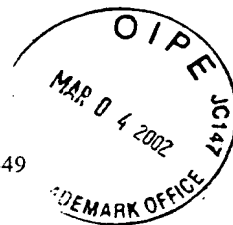
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In the matter of the Application of: Wataru NARA

For: DOCUMENT IMAGE SCANNING DEVICE THAT PROVIDES IMAGE
OF PROPER APPEARANCE WHILE PRESERVING IMAGE DENSITY

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EXAMINER:

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REFERENCES

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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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